Western and RUS issue a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed South Dakota PrairieWinds Project public hearings set, comments invited

ou are invited to review Western Area Power Administration's (Western) and Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) draft environmental findings on the Proposed South Dakota PrairieWinds Project (Project). We need your comments to ensure we've addressed all relevant issues and alternatives. To help you understand the Proposed Project and the findings from our Draft

Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Western and RUS have scheduled a public hearing, **February 11**, **2010, in Chamberlain, South Dakota**. Meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible. Please contact us at the Project phone number: **(800) 336-7288**, if you need other accommodations to attend the hearing.



Date: February 11, 2010

Open House: 4 to 5 p.m. (CST)

Hearing: 5 to 7 p.m. (CST)

Location: Cozard Memorial Library

110 East Lawler Avenue Chamberlain, SD 57325

Phone Number: (605) 234-4414

Western and RUS have issued a DEIS for the Proposed Project. The DEIS is available for review at libraries in Chamberlain, Kimball, Plankinton, Wessington Springs, and Winner, South Dakota; and Western's UGP Customer Service Region in Huron, South Dakota; and RUS in Washington D.C. You can also request a copy from Western, from the Project e-mail at: sdprairiewinds@wapa.gov or

by completing and mailing the attached postcard to us (no postage is required). Comments can be submitted through the Project website, or sent by letter, fax or e-mail and must be received by **March 1, 2010**. Written comments on the DEIS should be addressed to **Ms. Liana Reilly**, at the address listed below.

To learn more about the Proposed Project or share your comments:

- Attend the public hearing
- Comment on the DEIS

Phone/Fax/E-mail:

- Send an e-mail to the Project E-mail: sdprairiewinds@wapa.gov
- Visit our website: http://www.wapa.gov/transmission/sdprairiewinds.htm

Send comments to:

Ms. Liana Reilly Western Area Power Administration P.O. Box 281213

Lakewood, CO 80228-8213 Fax: (720) 962-7263

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For more information about the Proposed Project, or if you would like to be included on the project mailing list and/or to receive a copy of the DEIS, please provide your contact information to Ms. Liana Reilly, at the address above. For information on RUS financing please contact Mr. Dennis Rankin,

Project Manager, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, Utilities Program, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mail Stop 1571, Room 2244, Washington DC 20250-1571; telephone: (202) 720-1953, Fax: (202) 720-0820 or e-mail: dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov.

If you wish to receive the DEIS, please detach along perforated line and send in this request form.

Please send me a copy of the South Dakota PrairieWinds Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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| Please send a printed copy: about 450 pages including full text and appendices |
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| Tell us how to reach you |
| Please give us your contact information so we can send you the Proposed South Dakota PrairieWinds Project DEIS and keep you updated. We will not share your contact information with other organizations. |
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Where can I review the DEIS?

Copies of the DEIS are available for review at the following library locations:

Aurora County Library

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Kimball Public Library 140 North Main Street Kimball, SD 57355 (605) 778-6690

Cozard Memorial Library

Chamberlain 110 East Lawler Avenue Chamberlain, SD 57325 (605) 234-4414

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Wessington Springs Carnegie Library 109 West Main Wessington Springs, SD 57382 (605) 539-1803

Tripp County Library

Winner Public Library 425 Monroe Street Winner, SD 57580 (605) 842-0330

Western Area Power Administration

Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region SD Maintenance Office 200 4th Street SW Huron, SD 57350 (605) 353-2501

Rural Utilities Service

1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mail Stop 1571, Room 2244 Washington DC 20250-1571 (202) 720-1953

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